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	Art Unit 1642	Examiner Misook Yu

Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Dear Sir:

This response is being filed in response to the outstanding Final Official Action dated May 12, 2009 and the Advisory Action, dated August 27, 2009 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants enclose herewith a Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review, a Notice of Appeal, a petition for extension of time and payment of the appropriate fee. In response to the Final Rejection and the Advisory Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections in view of Applicants Supplemental Response filed September 14, 2009 and the present request herein. Applicants respectfully request entry of the

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amendments filed on September 14, 2009 and withdrawal of the pending rejections upon reconsideration.

REMARKS

Applicants filed a Supplemental response on September 14, 2009 in view of the Advisory Action mailed August 27, 2009. The supplemental response amended the claims to recite that the methods claimed therein “consist of” of the recited step. Upon entry of the amendment, claims 29-31, 39 and 46-54 are in allowable condition. As of November 12, 2009 the Office has not yet responded to the supplemental response. Accordingly, Applicants have submitted the present pre-appeal brief conference request in view of the statutory six month deadline.

Claim Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 29-31, 39, 47-51, 53 and 54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over Silberg in view of US Patent No. 5,601,990 or over Silberg in view of US Patent No. 5,601,990 and further in view of Genbank Accession no. U51095.

The Office asserted that because “Silberg teaches the ‘possibility’ of CDX1 being a marker” and the open term of “comprising” does not exclude other steps or tests for diagnosis in addition to CDX1” the subject matter of claims 29-31, 39, 47-51, 53 and 54 are obvious. The pending claims recite the more restricted phrase “consisting of.” The combination of the references fail to render the presently claimed invention obvious. Accordingly, as amended to the rejection is obviated.

Applicants respectfully request that the rejections of claims 29-31, 39, 47-51, 53 and 54 be withdrawn.

Withdrawal of Claims

Claims 46 and 52 have been withdrawn. No reason is provided for the withdrawal of the claims but it is presumed that in view of the earlier amendment, claims 46 and 52 are redundant..

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Applicants respectfully note that upon entry of the amendment of claims 29 and 49, claims 46 and 52 will differ in scope from each of claims 1-3, 8-13, 19, 20, 55-57, 60 and 61. Accordingly, reconsideration is proper and hereby requested.

Conclusion

Claims 1-3, 8-13, 19, 20, 29-31, 39, 46-57, 60 and 61 are in condition for allowance. A notice of allowance is earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at 610.640.7820 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees and credit of any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-0436.

Respectfully submitted,

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